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CLAIM LISTING

1. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a trigger group in a firearm, the method including the steps of:
 - (a) assembling a number of trigger group components in a trigger group module;
 - (b) separating an upper receiver from the firearm to expose a trigger group receiving opening in a lower receiver of the firearm;
 - (c) inserting the trigger group module into the lower receiver through the trigger group receiving opening; and
 - (d) reconnecting the upper receiver to the lower receiver while the trigger group module remains inserted in the lower receiver.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further including the step of retaining the trigger group module in the lower receiver with one or more retaining devices prior to reconnecting the upper receiver to the lower receiver.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the step of retaining the trigger group module in the operating position lower receiver includes the step of supporting the trigger group module from a pin receptacle in the lower receiver.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the step of supporting the trigger group module from the pin receptacle in the lower receiver includes inserting a pin through the pin receptacle and through a pin receiver in the trigger group module.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the step of supporting the trigger group module
2 from the pin receptacle in the lower receiver includes inserting a pin through the pin
3 receptacle and through a module pin opening included in the trigger group module.

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5 6. (Withdrawn) A method of assembling a firearm having a frame made up of an upper
6 receiver and a lower receiver, the method including the steps of:

7 (a) assembling a number of trigger group components in a module housing to produce
8 a pre-assembled trigger group module;

9 (b) placing the pre-assembled trigger group module in an operating position in the
10 lower receiver; and

11 (c) securing the upper receiver to the lower receiver to enclose the module housing in
12 the firearm.

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14 7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6 further including the step of securing the pre-
15 assembled trigger group module in the operating position in the lower receiver prior to
16 securing the upper receiver to the lower receiver.

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18 8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7 wherein the step of securing the pre-assembled
19 trigger group module in the operating position includes securing the trigger group module
20 in the operating position through pin receptacle openings formed in opposing side walls
21 of the lower receiver.

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3 23. (New) The method of claim 1 further including:

- 4 (a) removing a first OEM trigger group pin to release a first OEM trigger group
5 component with respect to the firearm and with respect to a second trigger group
6 component;
7 (b) removing a second OEM trigger group pin to release the second trigger group
8 component with respect to the firearm; and
9 (c) securing the trigger group module in the lower receiver through pin receptacle
10 openings that supported either the first OEM trigger group pin or the second OEM
11 trigger group pin.

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13 24. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the step of securing the trigger group module in
14 the lower receiver includes securing the trigger group module through pin receptacle
15 openings that supported the first OEM trigger group pin and through pin receptacle
16 openings that supported the second OEM trigger group pin.

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18 25. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the step of securing the trigger group module in
19 the lower receiver includes inserting a first pin through a first pin receiver of a trigger
20 group housing included in the trigger group module.
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- 1 26. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the step of securing the trigger group module in
2 the lower receiver includes inserting a second pin through a second pin receiver of the
3 trigger group housing.
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- 5 27. (New) The method of claim 6 further including:
6 (a) removing a first OEM trigger group pin to release a first OEM trigger group
7 component with respect to the firearm and with respect to a second trigger group
8 component;
9 (b) removing a second OEM trigger group pin to release the second trigger group
10 component with respect to the firearm; and
11 (c) securing the pre-assembled trigger group module in the operating position through
12 pin receptacle openings that supported either the first OEM trigger group pin or
13 the second OEM trigger group pin.
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- 15 28. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the step of securing the pre-assembled trigger
16 group module in the operating position includes securing the pre-assembled trigger group
17 module through pin receptacle openings that supported the first OEM trigger group pin
18 and through pin receptacle openings that supported the second OEM trigger group pin.
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- 20 29. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the step of securing the pre-assembled trigger
21 group module in the operating position includes inserting a first pin through a first pin
22 receiver of the module housing.
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1 30. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the step of securing the pre-assembled trigger
2 group module in the operating position includes inserting a second pin through a second
3 pin receiver of the trigger group housing.

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5 31. (New) A method of installing a trigger group in a firearm, the method including:

6 (a) separating an upper receiver from the firearm to expose a trigger group receiving
7 opening in a lower receiver of the firearm;

8 (b) removing a first OEM trigger group pin to release a first OEM trigger group
9 component with respect to the firearm and with respect to a second trigger group
10 component;

11 (c) removing a second OEM trigger group pin to release the second trigger group
12 component with respect to the firearm;

13 (d) assembling a number of trigger group components in a trigger group module;

14 (e) inserting the trigger group module into the lower receiver through the trigger
15 group receiving opening;

16 (f) securing the trigger group module in an operating position in the lower receiver
17 through pin receptacle openings in the lower receiver that supported either the
18 first OEM trigger group pin or the second OEM trigger group pin; and

19 (g) reconnecting the upper receiver to the lower receiver while the trigger group
20 module remains in the operating position in the lower receiver.

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22 32. (New) A method of installing a trigger group in a firearm having a frame made up of an
23 upper receiver and a lower receiver, the method including:

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- 1 (a) removing a first OEM trigger group pin to release a first OEM trigger group
- 2 component with respect to the lower receiver and with respect to a second trigger
- 3 group component;
- 4 (b) removing a second OEM trigger group pin to release the second trigger group
- 5 component with respect to the lower receiver;
- 6 (c) assembling a number of trigger group components in a module housing to produce
- 7 a trigger group module;
- 8 (d) placing the trigger group module in an operating position in the lower receiver;
- 9 and
- 10 (e) securing the upper receiver to the lower receiver to enclose the trigger group
- 11 module in the firearm.